

jumping up upon them to death to cheat!
 As it was one for all,
 and all for one!
 You go. . . I go!
 A band of brothers so willing to die and
 bleed!
 Who upon each other so relied,
 the need!
 For they were some of America's greatest
 ones!
 Whose families are our Nation's quiet heroes
 and heroines!
 As no new day is so promised to anyone!
 And on 9/11 as their day begun,
 just like all those others, had each one. . .
 For on this day of days they all stood Staten
 Island Strong!
 As each and everyone could so be counted on!
 Armed but with such Gotham Hearts,
 to which belonged!
 As why now up in Heaven they are Angels all
 among!
 To watch over us from dust to dawn!
 Rescue 5 and these Fire Fighters,
 up on a pedestal so belong!
 "GO TOGETHER, STAY TOGETHER"
 Just like a Psalm!
 As you rushed up while others rushed down!
 As you rushed in while others rushed out!
 While, the face of death you stared down!
 With each new most heroic step,
 closer to Heaven your soul was swept!
 As you gave all,
 That Last Full Measure,
 would accept!
 So many heroes from that Island died that
 day!
 Standing Staten Island Strong in every way,
 as all of their fine lives they gave!
 Heroes come all in such shapes and sizes!
 But it's what's within their hearts which so
 comprises!
 Who they are!
 That which so lives on bright like a star!
 And for all of those families,
 Husbands and Wives who now so weep!
 And for all of those children without Mom's
 and Dad's,
 whose pain now mounts so ever deep!
 And all of those Brothers and Sisters,
 who in your arms your best friends can't
 keep!
 Could we just as your loved ones such cour-
 age speak?
 To a place where only hearts of courage beat!
 And be Stand Staten Island Strong,
 as once had all of these!
 And as you lay your heads down to rest, to
 sleep!
 In Staten Island there comes a gentle rain,
 so very deep. . .
 As it's your loved ones tears,
 from up in Heaven to so ease. . .
 To so ease your pain as you weep. . .
 Until one fine day up Heaven you'll all so
 meet. . .
 And you won't have to cry no more!
 So hush little baby don't you cry,
 one day up in Heaven you will look into your
 parent's eyes!
 And you will hear them on the wind,
 and when you wake feel them again and
 again. . .
 And remember my child,
 on the day you were born,
 their greatest wish so formed. . .
 Was for you to have a happy life,
 to live on...
 So make your parents dreams come true,
 and somehow carry on. . .
 Goodness!
 Evil!
 Darkness!
 Light!
 Those brave hearts who evil must fight!
 Who bring their light!
 Were but all of those who fought that fight!

Who Stood Staten Island Strong with all
 their might!
 And in the shadow of America's Liberty. . .
 All in this The Empire State for all to
 see. . .
 But lies such a magnificent community. . .
 An island who out to all hearts now so
 speaks!
 That which stands even stronger this day in-
 deed!
 All because of them, these!
 Who so showed us all how to so live and die,
 and how to grieve!
 As they Stood Staten Island Strong,
 for their families and what they believed!
 For We Will Never Forget,
 Never... all of these!
 And The Greatest Strength,
 all within a heart so beats!
 All in this most heroic community,
 which sits in the shadow of Liberty!
 Amen!

HONORING AALIYAH COLE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speak-
 er, I rise today to honor Ms. Aaliyah Cole, a
 dedicated student, who is making a difference
 in her community.

On a crisp winter day in December of 1994,
 Aaliyah Cole was born to Biven and Beatrice
 Cole. She grew quickly both physically and in-
 tellectually. At the age of two, she was able to
 read children's books on her own. In Sep-
 tember of 1999, her little brother, Biven Cole
 Jr., was born. They grew together as siblings
 and companions. As a young girl she began to
 set her sights high on accomplishing things
 bigger than herself. She was motivated, deter-
 mined, and driven to make a difference and
 dream big.

Throughout her years in school, Aaliyah has
 maintained exceptional academic records
 backed by outstanding leadership roles and
 giving dynamic service to her community. In
 the second grade, she wanted to be the Val-
 edictorian of her graduating class and she ac-
 complished that. She has held three state offi-
 cer positions—State President, State Sec-
 retary, and State Treasurer—in the Technology
 Student Association and she is also the cur-
 rent chairman of her high school yearbook
 committee. She received several leadership
 awards for her leadership abilities.

Aaliyah has served her community, since
 she was a little girl, whether it was recycling
 plastics and aluminums, hosting voter registra-
 tion drives, or visiting the community nursing
 home, she has always found urgency in mak-
 ing a difference in the world and in people's
 lives.

In March of 2011, Aaliyah launched her very
 own organization by the name of Team
 M.A.W.M.A.C. (Make a Wave, Make a
 Change), an organization designed to raise
 awareness about the many things that plague
 communities around the world. With this orga-
 nization, she held a Teens for Jeans drive
 which helped her school to collect 152 pairs of
 blue jeans to donate to homeless teens
 around the world. They also plan to cultivate
 her school flower beds on Earth Day this April,
 2013.

Upon completing high school, Aaliyah plans
 to further pursue her dream of making a dif-

ference by attending either the University of
 Southern Mississippi or Xavier University of
 Louisiana. There she will pursue a degree in
 Biochemistry/Pre-Medicine, to later attend
 medical school and become a licensed Pedi-
 atric Neurologist. She also plans to open her
 own private practice. During her career, she
 plans to help rebuild the Jefferson County
 community by renovating their schools and
 seek businesses to invest the area. She also
 dreams about creating a scholarship program
 that will give African American students in un-
 derprivileged communities like her hometown
 greater funds to assist students with paying for
 college.

Aaliyah likes to live by this motto: "When
 you have big dreams don't listen to what no-
 body says that is trying to turn you away.
 When you have big dreams, keep your eyes
 on the prize and don't fall by the wayside;
 reach for the sky."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me
 in recognizing a talented student, Ms. Aaliyah
 Cole, for her zeal in actively making a dif-
 ference in her community.

HONORING THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE CHRISTIAN CEN- TER, INC.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I
 submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, today we celebrate leadership,
 service and a ministry that for the past thirty
 one years has enhanced our district, our state,
 our country and the world; and

Whereas, Apostle Ulysses Tuff and Pastor
 Deborah Tuff are today celebrating thirty one
 years as spiritual leaders and servants of God
 at the church of their founding, The Way, The
 Truth and The Life Christian Center; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious
 man of God, Apostle Ulysses Tuff and this
 phenomenal virtuous woman of God, Pastor
 Deborah Tuff are instruments of God who give
 hope to the hopeless, feed the needy and em-
 power our community by preaching the gos-
 pel, teaching the gospel and living the gospel;
 and

Whereas, the members of The Way, The
 Truth and The Life Christian Center continue
 to uplift and inspire others, through outreach
 ministries, The Giver of Life Mission School,
 The Giver of Life Christian Academy, The
 Giver of Life Institute of Ministerial Training,
 and The Giver of Life Ministerial Association;
 and

Whereas, The Way, The Truth and The Life
 Christian Center has produced many spiritual
 warriors, people of compassion, people of
 great courage, fearless leaders and servants
 to all, but most of all visionaries who have
 shared not only with their Church, but with our
 district, our nation and the world; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the
 Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this
 day to honor and recognize The Way, The
 Truth and The Life Christian Center, Inc., on
 their 31st Anniversary and for their distin-
 guished leadership and service to humanity;
 now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON,
 Jr. do hereby proclaim August 25, 2013 as

The Way, The Truth and The Life Christian Center, Inc., Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of August, 2013.

TRIBUTE TO SHERRY BARBARA SHAPIRO

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sherry Barbara Shapiro on her retirement following 40 years of extraordinary federal service.

Ms. Shapiro began her federal service in July, 1973 working for the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, which later became the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA).

In 1975, she left ARBA to join the Congressional Research Service (CRS) of the Library of Congress as a government and law bibliographer. In this position, prior to the wide availability of commercial and academic electronic databases, Sherry indexed and abstracted thousands of articles to serve as authoritative resources for public policy makers conducting congressional business.

Working collaboratively with the Government Printing Office each year for many years, Sherry coordinated CRS's compilation of materials to support the annual high school and college debate manuals.

Sherry's primary work assignment was to respond directly to Member and committee research requests related to foreign affairs, regional studies, and national defense. Sherry at the same time served the information needs of the analysts and senior specialists in CRS's Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division. Her research supported the production of hundreds of CRS reports and CRS analyst testimony during her 40-year career.

During her tenure at CRS, she supported a number of congressional programs, among them democracy-building programs conducted by Members of Congress working on the Frost-Solomon Task Force, the House Democracy Assistance Commission, and later the House Democracy Partnership. Her knowledge of foreign affairs and regional studies made her the go-to person for information compiled for Congressional delegations to East Timor, Hungary, Mongolia, China, South Korea, and Indonesia. Sherry accompanied Commission members and staff on several congressional delegation trips to work with members of foreign legislatures. Her specialized knowledge and her genuine concern for the people of the countries she visited resulted in many lasting friendships, and the high regard in which Sherry was held by those she met provided enhanced opportunities for congressional delegations to learn a great deal from their experience of travel to these countries.

As Sherry supported and participated in congressional delegations, she also trained foreign parliamentary and government agency librarians and encouraged literacy in developing countries such as Mongolia and Kyrgyzstan. Whenever she traveled abroad, she expanded her efforts to reach students in fledgling democracies to share her knowledge

of what it means to be a librarian in a functioning democracy.

While at CRS, Sherry also spent considerable time reviewing electronic resources and developing innovative ways to increase access to these resources by staff serving the information needs of the Congress.

Another important aspect of Sherry's work at CRS was her work as a mentor to new librarians. Her knowledge of federal librarianship and the work of the legislative branch allowed her to develop a new generation of librarians.

Sherry's dedication to her work at CRS was based on responding to each person she encountered with kindness and respect, fairness, and a willingness to go the extra mile to make sure each one had the tools and skills to locate the information needed to help develop legislation, answer constituent requests, or examine the critical issues of the day.

Outside of her many duties and responsibilities at CRS, Sherry not only raised five children with her husband John, but was actively involved in community activities. Sherry works tirelessly in our community of Alexandria. The Girl Scouts, the elderly and memory-impaired, a soup kitchen, an animal rescue organization, and others, all have benefitted from her determination to make our community better.

During my own time at CRS, I knew and worked with Sherry, and I look forward to continuing to work with her on projects that will benefit our community.

I congratulate Sherry, her husband John, and their children, Matt, Daniel, Emily, Lauren and Nora on this momentous occasion.

I personally thank her for 40 years of service to the United States Congress.

TRIBUTE TO SGT. DEREK JOHNSON

HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant and American hero who died tragically in the line of duty while protecting the city of Draper, Utah. In the early morning hours of September 1, 2013, 32-year-old police Sgt. Derek Johnson was ambushed while responding to a suspicious vehicle during the last few minutes of his graveyard shift. Never able to draw his own weapon or return fire, Sgt. Johnson died from multiple gunshot wounds shortly after the incident. We honor his lifelong commitment to the safety and security of his community.

Remembered as one of the hardest working officers in the Draper Police Department, Sgt. Johnson is a decorated officer who earned many awards for his efforts. Not only was he the 2012 Community Policing Officer of the Year, he also earned the Life Saving Award and Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding service. According to his family, he grew up wanting to be a police officer.

We honor the immeasurable personal sacrifice of Sgt. Johnson's family. He leaves behind his wife, Shante Sidwell Johnson and his six-year-old son Bensen Ray, who he called Little Buddy. His love for his family was obvious to all. We also recognize his mother, Laura, father, Randy, and four siblings: brothers Devin, Darin, and Dayson and his sister

Desirae. The Johnson family has endured a terrible tragedy and made an extraordinary sacrifice to keep the community safe. We are forever thankful.

The streets of the United States of America stay safe because of the honorable and dedicated service of officers like Sgt. Derek Johnson. His loss will be keenly felt by all who knew him.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me as we honor the life and legacy of Sgt. Derek Johnson, as well as each man and woman who risks life and limb to secure our communities. I also ask that we recognize the sacrifice and burdens their families endure in support of this great country. We owe them all our eternal gratitude.

HONORING MOUNT ZION
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable historical church, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist of Lambert, Mississippi and the great leadership it is under.

The New Mount Zion M. B. Church in Lambert, Mississippi was first organized in 1917 or 1918. It took on new life in 1923, when a small piece of land was purchased and a new church was built through donations made by members of the church. W. L. Morgan was the first pastor of the church.

Rev. Jossell was elected as pastor on Sunday, September 4, 1994. He preached his first sermon as pastor on September 18, 1994 and is still here. We are a full time Church on the move for Jesus.

After construction was completed, the first sermon in the new sanctuary was held on Sunday, December 3, 2006. The name of New Mt. Zion M. B. Church was officially changed back to Mount Zion M. B. Church on December 29, 2006. On April 30, 2008, the church parking lot was paved. In 2009, BTU (Baptist Training Union) and Evening Worship Service were instituted. In the spring of 2011, the recently constructed Family Life Center was used for a Red Cross Shelter to housed flood victims, and continues to be identified as a voluntary Red Cross shelter in the event of a natural disaster.

Mt. Zion M.B. Church outreach ministries is known for addressing the needs of the whole man through Parenting Classes, Healthy Marriage Seminars, Music Classes, Male Mentoring and Abstinence Education Programs. Mt. Zion also sponsors an annual Senior Citizen Christmas food bag giveaway that was expanded through efforts of the establishment of the Quitman County Community Revival. Currently plans are underway to collaborate with other churches in the Quitman County Community to host a "feed the hungry" drive where participants will receive free food for physical nourishment and spiritual food (the spoken word) to strengthen and empower the soul.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church for its dedication to serving our great country.